

Mount San Jacinto State Wilderness WILDERNESS PERMIT INFORMATION

Mount San Jacinto State Wilderness is located at a high altitude where the growing season is short. Plant life has little opportunity to recover from overuse from one season to the next, and unless we take the steps to protect these areas they could be lost to us forever.

To insure the preservation of the natural environment and assure the visitor of a quality visitor experience, the Department of Parks and Recreation has instituted a Wilderness Permit system; everyone entering the wilderness area for the day or for camping must have a permit in their possession. Applications for permits will be accepted up to 56 days (8 weeks) in advance; if you apply by mail, send your request in at least 10 days in advance. No telephone requests can be accepted.

Groups must be limited to 15 people, and juvenile groups must have at least one adult leader for each 14 juveniles. Dogs are not permitted in wilderness areas of the State Park System.

For groups camping, access is limited to prevent overuse and provide everyone an opportunity for solitude. Carrying capacities have been established for the wilderness area campgrounds. These campgrounds are Round Valley, Tamarack Valley, Little Round Valley, and Strawberry Junction. On summer weekends these campgrounds fill to capacity four or more weeks in advance. It is essential that campers plan ahead to avoid being turned away on these weekends.

RULES OF WILDERNESS BEHAVIOR:

1. **BUILD NO FIRES.** Chemical stoves permitted.
2. **CAMP ONLY IN A CAMPSITE DESIGNATED BY A BROWN POST.**
3. **BRING NO DOGS** into the State Wilderness.
4. **PACK OUT ALL TRASH AND GARBAGE.**
5. Respect the solitude.
6. Dispose of waste water and wash dishes at least 100 feet from any stream, spring or faucet.
7. Have no more than fifteen (15) people in a group and hike and camp apart from other groups.
8. Erect no structures made from rocks, branches, or other natural material.
9. Possess no firearms, bows, or slingshots.
10. Smoke only in campsites — not on trails.
11. Bring no bicycles or motorized vehicle into State Wilderness.

WILDERNESS PERMITS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

**Mt. San Jacinto State Park
P.O. Box 308
Idyllwild, California 92549**


Permit requests are not accepted by phone or fax. For information call (951) 659-2607 or visit our website at www.sanjac.statepark.org.

The United States Forest Service has a similar permit system in effect for wilderness areas in national forests. These permits are issued at U.S.F.S. Headquarters, P.O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549. For information call (951) 659-2117.

~ *Wilderness is forever with your help. Please help preserve its beauty* ~

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Please supply all information requested. Note that permits will not be processed without a self-addressed stamped envelope.

APPLICANT'S PRINTED NAME <i>(last, first, middle initial)</i>		DAYTIME PHONE NO.
ADDRESS		
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE		
PLANNED START DATE <i>(month/day/year)</i>	PLANNED FINISH DATE <i>(month/day/year)</i>	
LOCATION OF ENTRY <i>(name or description)</i>		
LOCATION OF EXIT <i>(name or description)</i>		
NO. OF PEOPLE IN GROUP <i>(maximum 15)</i>	VEHICLE LICENSE NO. <i>(vehicle left at trailhead)</i>	
ORGANIZATION/GROUP NAME <i>(for groups with 10-15 people)</i>		
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NO. <i>(person with knowledge of your route of travel and inventory of equipment taken)</i>		
DATE	PLANNED OVERNIGHT CAMP LOCATIONS	NO. OF NIGHTS IN CAMP
ALTERNATE DATE	ALTERNATE PLANNED OVERNIGHT CAMP LOCATIONS	NO. OF NIGHTS IN CAMP
I agree to abide by all laws, rules, and regulations which apply to this area. I will do my best to see that everyone in my group does likewise.		
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE		DATE
		

DETACH HERE AND SUBMIT WILDERNESS PERMIT APPLICATION ALONG WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.